GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Financial Assistance for Education
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes implemented by the Government for providing financial assistance for the study of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe (SC/ST) Post Graduate/Engineering students in the country during the last three years and the current year, State-wise/Scheme-wise including Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase the amount of financial assistance; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) :There are several schemes implemented by different Ministries/organisations to provide financial assistance to Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes (SCs/STs) students pursuing Post Graduation /Engineering courses. Some of the major schemes are as under:

The University Grants Commission (UGC) implements Post Graduate Scholarship for Professional courses for SC/ST Students, Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SC/ST students and Post-Doctoral Fellowship for SC/ST students.

The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) implements Post Graduate Scholarship Scheme to Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) / Graduate Pharmacy Aptitude Test (GPAT) qualified students including those of SC/ST category who are admitted to full time Masters in Engineering/ Technology/ Pharmacy/ Architecture courses.

The schemes such as Central Sector Scholarship Scheme of Top Class education, Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship, Post-Matric Scholarships and Central Sector Scholarship Scheme of National Overseas Scholarship for SC/ST students are implemented by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

Scheme-wise/Year-wise details of expenditure incurred for the major schemes during the last three years and current are given in the Annexure I-III.

(b)& (c): The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has revised the fellowship rate under the Rajiv Gandhi Fellowship for SC students with effect from 1.12.2015 from Rs. 16,000/- per month to Rs. 25,000/- per month for the initial two years for Junior Research Fellowship and from Rs. 18,000/- per month to Rs. 25,000/- per month for the remaining tenure for Senior Research Fellowship. The AICTE has also revised the Post Graduate Scholarship rate from Rs. 8,000/- to Rs. 12,400/- per month with effect from 1.12.2014.
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